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(b) whether it is a fact that in the year 1911 the Harijans of the village and in the years 1942–49 some ex-army personnel were applicants for the same tank;

(c) whether it is a fact that these applications were rejected;

(d) if so, on what grounds;

(e) whether the village officers of the surrounding villages submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister on this issue; and

(f) what action the Government have taken on these memoranda?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) to (d) Information is not readily available at this distance of time.

" (e) No, Sir.

" (f) The assignments had been finalised and completed over two years ago and nothing can legally be done now.

The petition received from the villagers of Sakhamur was, therefore, rejected."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" In view of the fact that the Government received the memorandum a long time back, why is it that they are not in a position to get the information up to this moment? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, that is with reference to only one particular class. Some details were wanted then. But now it is more than two years and these small details could not be got readily."

*Representations from the Inferior Servants' Association.*

* 263-F Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Inferior Servants' Association in the State represented to the Government to increase their salaries and allowances; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM—" (a) Yes; a copy of the resolutions passed at the IV Annual Conference of the Association was received by the Government.

" (b) The requests of the Association for increase in pay, dearness allowance, house rent allowance, etc., were examined by Government. It was considered that the grant of the requests would involve large extra expenditure to the Government which could not be undertaken in view of the present difficult financial position. The President of the Association has accordingly been informed that the Government are unable to comply with the requests at present."

3-40 p.m. SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" May I know what is the difficulty of the Government in making a further cut in the salaries of the highly paid people and paying the amount saved to the low paid Government servants? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as far as the present cut is concerned, it gives us only about Rs. 5 lakhs and it is hardly sufficient even to give an increase of 4 annas per mensem to the subordinate officials."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Will the Hon. Minister reconsider the position after the separation of the Andhra State as this category of Government servants are hard hit? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as I have already said in my answer *at present* we are not able to pay more. Certainly when the position improves, we are prepared to reconsider the question."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANI :—" Sir, would the Government at least consider to give these inferior Government servants, house rent allowance? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I have already said that when our financial position improves, I shall reconsider all the representations made."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, since it is absolutely essential that the Government servants ought to be given a subsistence wage and since they cannot wait till the financial position of the Government improves, will the Government consider giving some relief immediately and not put off their relief till the financial position of the Government improves substantially? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the Government themselves are in need of relief now and therefore they are finding out ways of improving their finances."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Will the Government at least consider increasing the daily batta of these servants from Re. 0–12–0 to Re. 1–4–0 whenever they travel on tour with the officers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is one of the demands made in the representation. I do not think Government will be able to consider any of the demands at the present juncture."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, why are these particular class of Government servants called ' Inferior Government Servants '? May I know whether they cannot be designated by some other words instead of these? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Certainly, Sir, we will consider this and we will find out suitable words for these classes of Government servants."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, when can we expect an improvement in our financial position? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Let us wait for the separation of the Andhra State and then see how far the situation improves or deteriorates."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, does the Hon. the Finance Minister seriously think that Re. 0–12–0 a day would be sufficient for a man's subsistence? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, there are persons who are living even without this 12 annas. So it depends on the person concerned."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the Hon. the Finance Minister said that Government themselves were in need of relief. Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of taking the relief from the very same class of inferior Government servants if they are prepared to relinquish their salaries? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am prepared to take the relief from the hon. Member if he is prepared to give up his salary." (Laughter.)

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, in view of the promises made by all the parties in the country before Independence that the maximum wages should be reduced to Rs. 500 per mensem and in view of the economic stringency that the State is now facing, would the Government cut salaries above Rs. 500 and increase the salaries of low paid people at least a little? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This question does not arise out of the main question. But still I would like to inform the hon. Member that our State alone cannot take action on that line. We have to fall in line with the Government of India in these matters."

*Representations from the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association.*

* 263-G *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Association of the Non-Gazetted Officers of the State pointing out inequalities, disparities and anomalies in the scales of pay fixed according to the revised scales of pay in 1947 ; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Non-Gazetted Officers' Association made representations regarding certain inequalities, disparities and anomalies in the revised scales of pay sanctioned by the Government in 1947, as for example, that the increase in the scales of pay of different services was not made on a uniform basis, that persons who had reached the maximum of their pay-scales got no relief, etc. The Government examined the representations of the Association but found that the suggestions made by it were not